CATO'S SONG.

[Harper's Weekly.] "Cato, have you quite forgotten How you used among the cotton Still to sing some pleasant strain?" "Laws, miss, I can sing again." And the clear voice clearer rang. As he swung his hoe and sang.

"Ef you wants de purest water, Jist go up de mountain side, Whar de riber starts his running Down to catch de great sea tide. Ef you want de reddest roses, You will find dem nodding high, Whar dem catch de blessed dew drops,

Whar dem see de morning sky. "Would you eat dem sweetest peaches,

Juicy red or yellow bright, Den you hab to climb up fur dem Whar dey grow right in de light. Ef you seek true friend or lober, Upward too de rond you take; Hearts should neber trabel downward.

Else dey mighty apt to break. "Ef you look fur fame or g lory, You must climb up wid a will; Fur 'tis jist de same old story-Up and up, and onward still. We am born down in de valley, But if heart and feet don't tire,

We can still be going upward, Upward, higher, higher, higher. "Higher! higher! higher!" And at every cotton hill Well and swift he did his hoeing, Sing louder, clearer still. Till I heard the echoes ringing In my spirit brave and strong, Till I homeward turned me singing,

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A Candidate's Mistake. [Chicago News.]

"Madam, may I kiss these beautiful childrenf' inquired Uncle Dick Oglesby, as he leaned over the front gate. "Certainly, sir; there is no possible objec-

"They are lovely darlings," said Uncle Dick, after he had finished the eleventh. "I have seldom seen more beautiful babies. Are

they all yours, marm?" The lady blushed deeply.

"Of course they are—the sweet little treas ures! From whom else, marm, could they have inherited these limpid eyes, these rosy cheeks, these profuse curls, these comely figures and these musical voices?" The lady continued blushing.

"By the way, marm," said Uncle Dick, "may I bother you to tell your estimable husband that Richard J. Oglesby, Republican candidate for governor, called upon him this evening?"

"Alas, good sir," quoth the lady, "I have no husband."

"But these children, madam-you surely are not a widow?" "I feared you were mistaken, sir, when you first came up. These are not my chil-

dren. This is an orphan asylum!"

Cremation Among the Northmen.

[Exchange.] Cremation was the universal method of disposal of the dead among our Norse ancestors so late as the tenth century. This was true of the Warangian rulers of Russia, as appears from an account given by Ahmed Ibn Fozian, embassador from the Caliph Al Moktador, who wrote A. D. 921. "You Arabs are fools," said one of the Russian North men to the embassador. "You take the man whom you must have loved and honored, and put him down in the earth, where vermin and worms devour him. We, on the contrary, burn him

An Average Life.

up in a twinkling, and he goes straight to

It is stated that in an average life of fifty years a man works 6,000 days and sleeps as many more, eats 2 000, walks 800, is sick 500, and spends the rest of the half century in amusing himself.

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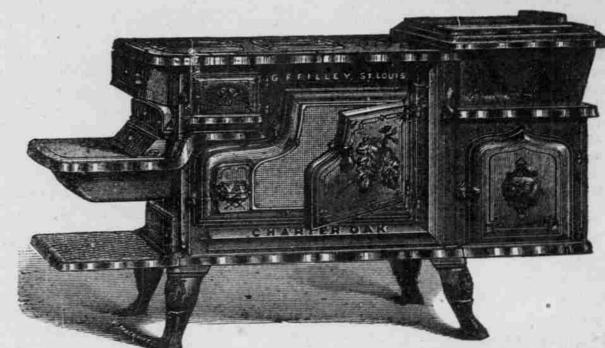
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